

Amendments To the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 15 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

An inter-domain multipath routing method, for extending multipath routing beyond the limits of packet-oriented networks or autonomous systems is provided. A traffic distribution over several links, outgoing from a packet-oriented network with multipath routing, is carried out. For the determination of alternative paths, leading to neighboring networks, the edge nodes of neighboring networks, by means of which a target can be reached, can be combined as a virtual end point. The virtual edge nodes then permit alternative paths between a starting point and the virtual end point to be determined by means of conventional methods, for example, multipath MPLS. Packets are then distributed over the paths, whereby a distribution beyond the network limit is also induced.--